true character than has hitherto pervaded the popular mind. In view of her varied life and ad-venturous history, I have often thought and said that, if those who condemned her for want of conformity to the received standard of propriety and conduct, and even tried to have her convicted in the May term of 1829 as a common scold, and which resulted in a fine of ten dollars in July or August following, knew her true nature—her excooding benevolence and warmth of heart-as I and her more intimate friends did, they would never have treated her vagaries and eccentricities in such a harsh, unrelenting and uncharitable manner, as though they originated in mean motives, and, in intent, were positive crimes. I was then living in Mt. Sterling, Ky., making my first essay in life as a publisher of a weekly newspaper; but, gentlemen. I thought (and in this, I think, you will agree with me) it was a very small business, considering her advanced age, and that her many good qualities of head and heart, and

cal violation of an old, obsolete statute. Well, gentlemen, I will never forget the day when I first met Mrs. Anne Royall. I think it was in the afternoon, in October, 1823. I was then learning the printing business, and living with the late Jonathan Elliot, publisher of the Washngton City Gazette, a few doors east of Shillington's corner, on Pennsylvania avenue; and not having acquired at the time any great knowledge of "the art preservative of all arts," I was almost daily assigned to duty in the counting-room, or "front office," as it was called, to attend to calls or answer questions as to the absence of the editor, &c. While thus engaged, and sitting alone, an old lady-about fifty-five or sixty-called to see the publisher, and, he not being in, she accepted my offer of a seat, and, fixing her large, press could not excel her in cross-questioning. My age; the facts of my parents' death, on east B street, in 1810; the character and extent of my education, and, in fact, everything connected with well, and, in fact, everything connected with my brief career, she mastered very quick, and, as the sequel demonstrated, never to the day of her death forgot. She was poculiarly interested in the welfare of struggling orphans, and especially in cases where they evinced any respectable amount of talent and intelligence; and the unprotected situation of my brother Thomas and mount of talent and intelligence; and the unprotected situation of my brother Thomas and mount of talent and intelligence; and the unprotected situation of my brother Thomas and mount of talent and intelligence; and the unprotected situation of my brother Thomas and mount of talent and intelligence; and the unprotected situation of my brother Thomas and mount of talent and intelligence; and the unprotected situation of my brother Thomas and mount of talent and intelligence; and the unprotected situation of my brother Thomas and mount of talent and intelligence; and the unprotected situation of my brother Thomas and mount of talent and intelligence; and the unprotected with them for ten years, and with their daughter, "Secretary Sally Stack," until the day of her (Mrs. R.'s) death, in 1854, was equally the scores who sought employment at his hands was a young countryman of his own of the name of Burnsides, from the neighborhood of Belfast, now a rich Louisiana planter and millionaire.

In promance of her early life. I also hope that I have said enough to mitigate and molilify the projudices of many who imagined she was nothing hers said enough to mitigate and molilify the projudices of many who imagined she was nothing hers said enough to mitigate and molilify the projudices of many who imagined she was nothing of the scores who sought employment at his hands was a young countryman of his own of the name of Burnsides, from the neighborhood of Belfast, now a rich Louisiana planter and millionaire. tected situation of my brother Thomas and myself, as "houseless orphans," (as she occasionally called us in her Paul Pry, the Huntress, and some of her books,) elicited her heartfelt sympathy, and made her our fast friend through life.

As the proprietor did not return as soon as ex-pected she asked me if I knew anything about the istory of the District of Columbia, remarking that she had made inquiries of a dozen aged per-sons of some pretensions, who ought to have known, and yet could get no satisfactory answer. I told her that I knew very little personally, but had lately read "Warden's History of the District," printed in Paris, in English, and had gleaned thereby some general facts, some of which I men tioned. This, of course, pleased her very much, and especially as I promised (the work being scarce, and having been returned to the owner to write down such facts as I could remember. The promise I compiled with, and she incorporated the rude sketch in her ferthcoming book of travels in the South, or the "Black Book," I

This, gentlemen, was the beginning of my acquaintance with the unique and remarkable character of whom I have been called upon to speak, and gratitude, being a leading and re-deeming trait in her character, the trifling courtesy displayed on that occasion, as the sequel will show, was never forgotten by horself or her

Mrs. Royali possessed a compact, round form, and her musculine tone of voice, piercing, large, dark-bine eyes and independence of manner no one who saw her will ever forget, especially when excited by anger. After our long conver sation was brought to a close, (and the publishe not rotarning.) she desired to be introdu foreman, (John A. M. Duncanson,) and I at once ushered her into his presence, announced her name, informed him she had a novel ("The Ten nesseean") prepared for the press, and wished to know its cost, &c. An animated conversation between herself and the foreman soon spring up, and her tone of voice and manner being something out of the common way, the dozen apprentices or so in the composing-room broke into immoderate fits of laughter, which excited the old lady into a strain of the most results.

rents, were vagabonds raised in the dirt," &c. entrasting their conduct with mine, when, in fact, had I been in their place, with ne previous acquaintance, it is probable the general example might have rendered me equally guilty with the 7outhful victims of her fierce abuse. It is hard to say, if our circumstances had been changed, how I would have acted. Perhaps no better.

ended, I accompanied her to the door, and before would be happy to see myself and my brother at any time, as she had seen a good doal of the world, and could entertain, if not instruct us, by detailing anecdotes about what she had heard or seen in her travels. We often visited her, as requested.

This, gentleman, is the accidental way in which I made the acquaintance of Mrs. Royall, and now

I made the acquaintance of Mrs. Royall, and now

have been taken to that part of Greenbrier, afterwards Monroe county, Virginia, when almost an infant, as she did not appear to have recollected a single 'neident of her Maryland life, while her writings and conversations all show that her childish days were spent in Monroe, Greenbrier, Augusta and other places in that section of "New Virginia," as it was called. She was emphasically the child of the mountains, valleys and backwords of Virginia and the West, as she is a she i

erously, sumptuously and on the fat of the land until the death of Colonel Royali, in 1815 or 1816, (if my memory of her conversation is correct,) but with that event commenced her real tribulations and troubles. A costly and exhausting litigation between herself and his heirs followed that event, and when she arrived in this city in the fall of and when she arrived in this city, in the fail of her unquestioned virtue and integrity, so far out-weighed the eccentricities of character which 1823, she had scarcely a shoe to her foot. Fortu-nately, she happened to call at the humble resi-dence of the Dorrett family to warm her feet, im-mediately after her arrival in the stage at 1 rendered her amenable to the charge of a technimediately after her arrival in the stage at, 1 think, Quoen's hotel, and after some conversation as to her impecunious condition, was informed by the Dorretts that she was welcome to such fare and shelter as they could afford until she could better her condition. The Dorretts were originally from Charles county, Maryland, and in despite of their circumscribed means, inherited the proverbial hospitality of that good old commonwealth. Mrs. Dorrett was by birth a Chunn; her mother was a Chass, and among her near her mother was a Chase, and among her near relatives were the venerable Father Matthews, of St. Patrick's, and the ancient family of the Simms, or Semmes. She and her husband and family passed their noiseless way in the "cool, sequestered vales of life," known to but few; but, cepted my offer of a seat, and, naing ner large, piercing eyes upon me, commenced "interviewing of hearts, I sincerely believe, the estentations me" in a manner so searching and exhaustive that the modern Paul Pry's of the newspaper that the modern Paul Pry's of the newspaper that the modern Paul Pry's of the newspaper tweet, never made a nobler record in heaven's ne chancery, as dispensers of heaven-born charity and sympathizers with human distress. I knew them

> The Dorrett's were naturally kind, virtuous and full of good nature, and, so far as it was in their power, generous to a fault. Aunt Sally married a fine-looking, stalwart, genteel young Irishman, (by the way, a native of our friend Nash's county (by the way, a native of our friend Nash's county of Limerick,) who went to Mexico (Irishman like) to aid "the patriots in their struggles for liberty," and, I believe, was lost at sea in coming the horse's back it slipped over to the other side, but Burnsides, instead of letting it go, held on to but Burnsides, instead of letting it go, held on to but Burnsides, instead of course was like) to aid "the passive, was lost at sea in coming liberty," and, I believe, was lost at sea in coming home. Four or five letters were received from him but Burnsides, instead of letting it go, held on the Burnsides, instead of letting it go, held on the Burnsides, instead of letting it go, held on the Burnsides, instead of letting it go, held on the Burnsides, instead of letting it go, held on the Burnsides, instead of letting it go, held on the Burnsides, instead of letting it go, held on the Burnsides, instead of letting it go, held on the Burnsides, instead of letting it go, held on the Burnsides, instead of letting it go, held on the Burnsides, instead of letting it go, held on the Burnsides, instead of letting it go, held on the Burnsides, instead of letting it go, held on the Burnsides, instead of letting it go, held on the Burnsides, instead of letting it go, held on the Burnsides, instead of letting it go, held on the Burnsides, instead of letting it go, held on the Burnsides, instead of letting it go, held on the Burnsides, instead of letting it go, held on the Burnsides, instead of letting it go, held on the Burnsides, instead of letting it go, held on the Burnsides, instead of letting it go, held on the Burnsides, instead of letting it go, held on the Burnsides, instead of letting it go, held on the Burnsides, instead of letting it go, held on the Burnsides, instead of letting it go, held on the Burnsides, instead of letting it go, held on the Burnsides, instead of letting it go, held on the Burnsides, instead of letting it go, held on the Burnsides, instead of letting it go, held on the Burnsides and letting it go, held on the Burnsid the brusque and in perfect contrast with the brusque and independent manners of her mistress, who, however, she implicitly obeyed, and to whom she was greatly and devotedly attached. To talk of Mrs. Royall in Washington city without mentioning the Dorrett family would, indeed, be like playing Shakspeare's "Hamilet" with the character of Hamilet left of the minual. His employer chided him for his stupidity in not letting the bag go, but Burnsides excused himself by saying, "Faith, I had a good helt, and was demisted the ded thing shouldn't slip through my fingers." "Well," said his employer, "you, after all, are just the sort of young man to get through with the character of Hamlet left out. They were inseparable. My object is to give you a perfeet idea of Mrs. Royall as she appeared to me as
> boy and man, and also of her surroundings.
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> Of his sagacious employer, who soon after sent Recollect, gentlemen, I am giving my own, not him to superintend and manage his large commit any one else's, reminiscences.

Royall was a firm believer in the great truths of Christianity, although her hatred and contempt for hypocrites and shams, and her bitter denunciation of religious maxworms led many people to think different, as if the rejection of counterfeit think different, as if the rejection of counterfeit that of his patron and business associate, that of his patron and business associate.

In regard to intemperance, none of the strongded ladies now engaged in efforts to extin auth dram-drinking by praying in front of gro-ceries and whisky saloous, could excel her in deep abhorrence of drunkards and tippling. The very smell of alcoholic liquors, especially on the young, excited her honest indignation, and never falled to draw forth a scathing and fiery rebuke. In this respect the way a pigners this respect she was a pioneer among toetotalers. In regard to tobacco, however, she was a great lover of the weed, and indulged in the pipe to an excessive extent. As she did not enjoy the advan-

her writings abound with bitter invectives against them as "Elue-skins," "Copperhead Christians,"

saints who worshipped God for spite."

She hated bigotry and intolerance, and, as might be expected from one of her frank and independent way of thinking, was not a bit mealy, mouthed in promulgating her opinions in regard

manue should be stalwart and hardy, frank in dependent way of thinking, was not a bit mealy-mouthed in promulgating her opinions in regard to those who "dealt damnation round the land" enoud, a accompanied her to the door, and before parting, she told me she had been not quite a week in the city; was stopping with a family hand of this prejudice, I know several presbyterian elergymen, (the Rev. R. R. Guriey, named Dorrett, in the rear of the Old Brick Capitol, on Capitol Hill; had came from Alabama, and was engaged in writing a book of travels, and would be happy to see myself and my brother at any time, as she had seen a good data of the light of the prejudice, I know several presbyterian elergymen, (the Rev. R. R. Guriey, for instance,) whom she greatly esteemed for their consistent and excellent conduct as true, benevolent and good Christians. The Catholics, in that remote region, were then almost unknown, benever, and especially the charitable and religious orders, appeared to be her uniform their Indian tormenters and antagenists the name of the "big" or "long knives," or that Anne buller, raised partially amongst them, should, until the day of her death, loathe and despise them, should, the consistent and excellent conduct as true, benevolent and good Christians. The Catholics, however, and especially the charitable and re-ligitude for the sugar tree furnished them almost unknown, for the prejudice, I know several preserved to on those they deemed the foe of the Lord. And

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Mrs. Boyall's maiden name was Butler, (a less fortunate feilow-beings, and she never was fortunate feilow-beings. Mrs. Royalt's manuel, and although born in restricted families in the neighbor-western Maryland, near the Virginia line, must hood where she lived, on Capitol Hill, to visit

OLDEST INHABITANTS.

PRESENCE OF REAL RESIDENCE
CENCES OF REAL ANNE ROTALL.

REAL PRINTS ROTALL

REAL PRIN an independent Anoman pianter until the day of his death. In this home the Colonel and his wife dispensed a profuse, if not an elegant, hospitality, and literally kept, in Southern fashion, an open house for the way-worn traveler and all who gladdened their fireside by their vieits. I have often heard the old lady expatiate upon the number and social standing of their guests in the Chlo river; and as soon as a tall, awkward, gangling fellow, above the common size, struck shore, to run up and "measure him," and then suddenly retreat. He was invariably followed by the object of his attention for "an pleasure she said they enjoyed from some great time with them, and in his book of travels gratefully acknowledged their kindness and generously, sumptuously and on the fat of the land until the death of Colonel Royali, in 1815 or 1816, (if my memory of her conversation is correct,) but with that event commenced her real tribulations with the manner of the place, of course,) hoping to land at some more followed her mortal remains to the grave, I man almost serious, into a joke. Soon after this, (in his kind treatment of me as her friend showed his kind treatment of me as her friend showed had the in despite of long separation, a warm brothand. Hast in despite of long separation, a warm broth the will almost in despite of long separation, a warm broth and list in despite of long separation, a warm broth and list in despite of long separation, a warm broth and his kind treatment of me as her friend showed had the in despite of long separation, a warm broth had in despite of long separation, a warm broth and the list and leave and sevely affection continued to animate his kind and the suit and the sit and the measure him."

The Colonel was a poor but very honest man all his life, and his sister, when she visited him in Docatur county in 1830, commented upon his want of enterprise and thrift in the Southern town and the measure for bury-ing and the statemtion for "an great frawback and misfortune for himself and the rate o

Although Mrs. Royall was carried away from Monroe or Greenbrier county, Va., when a child, yet als appeared to have acquired a wonderful knowledge of that section of country and its leading families, judging from her numerous ancodotes and details of what she there saw or heard during her brief residence. If have listened to her by the hour describing the leading celebrities of that wild region, but time will not admit of a recapitulation of them. She told a vast number of Andrew Beirne, of Monroe county, who she knew as a young emigrant from Ireland, at a time when he peddied merchandise on horseback and pack-saddles along the valleys and mountain slopes of that romantic section. By indomitable and pack-saddles along the valleys and mountain slopes of that romantic section. By indomitable energy and enterprise he not only greatly in-creased his business as an itinerant merchant, but succeeded in establishing numerous stores, branch stores, grist and saw-mills, and all sorts of trading places in that portion of the State, until at last he became and died a millionaire.

Burnsides was then young, green and somewhat awkward, but his subsequent success and career shows that, like the marble in the quarry, he had the stuff in him to make a statue or a man, if properly worked up. One morning Mr. Beirne directed him to get a horse and take a sack of wheat to all, are just the sort of young man to get through the world successfully, for if you get a grip of any one else's, reminiscences.

Without being a member of any church, Mrs.

Son house in New Orleans. In this capacity he fully realized the confidence placed in him, and Royall was a firm believer in the great truths of conducted the business with such consummate

Mrs. Royall's accurate knowledge of the early settlers in that region, (such as the Lewises, the Donnailys, the Stuarts, the Reids, the Beirnes, &c.,) and of their family history and antecedents, from obscurity to financial success and incepend ence, and especially of their primitive manners and customs and modes of life, reminded me of "Doddridge's Notes," descriptive of the early pio-neers of Northern Virginia; and, if faithfully written out, would furnish a most instructive les-son to the despondent and lethargic, and could not fail to stimulate the youth of our country to increased manly independence and self-reliance. In her youthful days, every one was a pioneer,

excessive extent. As she did not enjoy the advantage of volce and manner being something out of the common way, the dozen apprentices or so in the composing room broke into important fitted in the pour moderate fits of laughter, which excited the old lady into a strain of the most terrible demundation and investive I ever listened to, forming a perfect contract between Mrs. Royall's aniable placifity in the front office and her fiery and fisce resentment to what she considered an ill-manner and the first was very easy to see, from their want of manners are decemey, that, they came of low parents, were vagabonds raised in the dirt," &c., but the first perfect of the place of the product of the strip and fisce resentment to what she considered an ill-manner and the first perfect of the place of the strip and fisce resentment to what she considered an ill-manner and the first perfect contract between Mrs. Royall's aniable from the first perfect contract between Mrs. Royall's aniable of the first perfect contract between Mrs. Royall's aniable contract between of the rich as well as the poor, in her youthful days; and manly and athletic sports the only past &c., and she evidently viewed them as "stubborn times and amusements of the young. The corn saints who worshipped God for spite." manners and brave in battle, and have carner from their Indian tormenters and antage the ingredients substituted for tea and coffee. Sh experience,) that every poor young man should quit the large, over-crowded cities, and "go West," and that, if they did so, the chances were ten to

and that, if they did so, the anances were ten to one in their favor.

In spanking of her early days in northwest Virginia she appeared to confound Mource and Greenbrier, and occasionally Bottetourt and Augusta, together; but when we reflect that Greenbrier was formed out of Bottetourt in 1777, and that in 1799 Mource was formed out of Greenbrier, the apparent confusion of ideas is accounted for. From her knowledge of the Indian raids from was the the Delawares and Mingoes) down to the

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derstand (for I was absent from the city a
Poor Dick Dobyns! He was a man of infinite time) were many of our most respectable citi Poor Dick Dobyns! He was a man of immile jest and humor, and, in despite of his levity, was the dep sympathy with and tender regard for the best and most indefatigable cholera nurse in Maysville. He was perfectly fearless, and, while known, did away, or greatly mollified, the preju the epidemic raged, up night and day with the sick.

Although Mrs. Royall was carried away from and brawlet. Three thousand dellars received and brawlet. Three thousand deliars received from her husband's estate two years before, with her ponaion as the widow of a Revelutionary soldier, saved her from want in her latter days.

It is not my intention to diffate upon her writings, because they were as accessible to any of my associates as to myself. They consisted of "Letters from Alabama," from 1817 to 1822, "Sketches of History, Life and Manney in the United States;" "The Tennessean," three series of "The Blackbook," embracing travels North and South, and the "Paul Pry" and "Hentress." and South, and the "Paul Pry" and "Huntress, and South, and the "Paul Fry" and "Huntress," two weekly papers published in this city, devoted to personal and political sketches of men and things about the national metropolis. Now, gentlemen I fister myself that as much as has been said and written about Mrs. Royall, I

as has been said and written about mrs. Royall, a have told you many things that you have not-heard before in regard to her origin and family surroundings, marriage connection and the singular romance of her early life. I also hope that I

she had a noble and generous soul, in full sym-pathy with everything charitable and benevolent, I am satisfied. Peace to her ashes! She was more sinned against than sinning, and has gone : little time before us, to "where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest," and where the Infallible Judge of the quick and the dead will pass upon her motives and intentions, regardless of external appearances or mere out-side show, and judge her accordingly.

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